

WILL SEND MEN TO WAR COUNCIL

Merchants Name Delegates to Big Conference at Atlantic City.

Fifteen of Washington's leading business and professional men have been named as delegates to the special "war convention of American business men" to convene at Atlantic City, September 18, 19, 20 and 21, under the direction of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. Capital city men who have been asked to serve, it was made public yesterday, are Raymond B. Dickey, Robert E. Healer, J. H. Hoehling, Jr., Joseph Jacoby, LeRoy Livingston, H. S. Omohundro, George N. Ray, Hugh Reilly, R. F. Saul, Harry Wardman, George F. West, H. H. Wescott, E. W. White, Edward O. Whitford and August Zimmerman.

The meeting is called at this crisis in the affairs of our country so that patriotic business men anxious to do their bit may discuss the epochal changes trade has undergone since America's entrance into the struggle, and how best to assist the government and the armed forces of the United States to win out through co-operation and efficiency at home. Some live topics to be threshed out are price control, food conservation, protection of dependents of our fighting men on land and sea, and industrial unrest throughout the nation, the latter expected to include discussion of the W. W. propaganda and other anti-war agitation.

Object of Meeting.

President R. G. Rhett, of the Chamber of Commerce, U. S. A., in a lengthy statement on the objects to be accomplished, says in part: "Victory in the great struggle in which we are engaged depends largely on the power, intelligence and speed of the industry of the United States; upon our ability to produce faster and better than ever before the things necessary to efficient warfare. This convention of American business men should show, not to our own people alone, but to the whole world, in what spirit and with what determination business faces the tasks ahead of us. It is the patriotic duty of every business man to do his best to bring about a change to so attend this convention, not only to show emphatically where the business men of the United States stand in the present crisis, but also to show that they are ready to do their part in the common cause."

COLLEGE GIRLS WILL AID RELIEF CORPS

Six Volunteers to Drive Motor Trucks in France.

(By Agency Radio to I. N. S.) Paris, Aug. 18.—Six American girls, members of the Smith College Relief unit, will drive heavy motor trucks in the devastated and reconquered regions of Northern France, transporting children and old persons from the areas where misery reigns and railways have been torn up. Seventeen Smith College girls are leaving for these regions under the leadership of Harriet Boyd Haws. They will install small hospitals, schools and shops and will assist in the rebuilding of homes. They will supply anything from farm implements to pins and will give manual aid wherever possible. Miss Haws is a veteran in this work. She nursed wounded soldiers in the Spanish-American and Greco-Turk wars.

Women Boost Revenue By Smoking Cigarettes

Smoking of cigarettes by women is thought to be largely responsible for boost in Uncle Sam's revenue, of about \$12,000,000, according to figures here.

Receipts from taxes on all form of tobacco show the largest increase on cigarettes.

APPOINT MANN PARADE LEADER

Officials Choose Brigadier General to Head Draft Demonstration.

The appointment of Brig. Gen. William A. Mann as grand marshal of the parade in honor of the District's drafted men to be held probably September 1, was announced yesterday afternoon by officials at the War Department.

It had been thought that possibly the War Department would send the drafted men away secretly, but from present indications it is not likely that such a thing will be done.

For three days the committees representing the Board of Trade, the Retail Merchants' Association and the Chamber of Commerce have been awaiting action from the War Department before entering into details of the plans for the demonstration and a meeting will probably be called for tomorrow afternoon and arrangements for furthering the movement will be completed.

William F. Gude, chairman of the committee representing the Chamber of Commerce, said yesterday that with the co-operation of the War Department this parade will be of national importance and will be the largest demonstration of its kind ever held in the District.

GERMANS LOSE TOWN

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Tailed reports came from the various war offices today about the air fighting yesterday when fine observation weather invited scores of squadrons out of the sheds into battle amid the clouds.

The French shot down seven Teuton planes and drove eight others out of control. Besides it was a day of one of the largest and most successful series of bombing raids in many months.

No fewer than 111 French aeroplanes went out on bombing expeditions behind the German lines and came back safely reporting success. Altogether these raiders of the sky hurled down 28,000 pounds of projectiles upon German military works and communications.

Berlin reported the bagging of twenty-six enemy airplanes and four captive balloons in yesterday's fighting.

London, Aug. 18.—Only small foreign engagements and moderate fighting took place along the vast Eastern front from the Baltic to the Black Sea during the last 24 hours, British reports.

In the Caucasus, however, lively fighting has developed with the Russians on the aggressive. The Turks started the battle last Thursday, assisted by Kurds in the direction of Chirpuz, 150 miles from Lake Van.

The Muscovites promptly checked the Ottoman assaults and threw them on the defensive. Since then Petrograd reported the Russians have taken a series of villages and are still attacking.

The German war office gave out a resume today of the Teuton successes in Eastern Galicia, Bukovina and Rumania since July 19, reporting the capture of 42,000 prisoners, 257 guns and 43 machine guns. The latest Austro-Hungarian attack in Rumania last Thursday netted them 1,500 prisoners, the statement says.

German Munitions Head Out.

(By Agency Radio to I. N. S.) Geneva, Aug. 18.—Gen. von Groener has resigned as head of the munitions supply of the German army. He will take a command at the front.

Gen. von Scheuch is mentioned as his probable successor.

MR. and MRS. JOHN H. HOLDEN, 512 Sixth street, who figured in a marriage race against death yesterday to satisfy the longing of a dying mother to see her eldest son happily wedded before she died.



Couple Marry at Bedside of Bridegroom's Dying Mother

A tragic death-bed wedding to fulfill the last wish of his dying mother, late yesterday afternoon marked the culmination of a six-year romance between John H. Holden, aged 24, and Helen Van Sise, aged 22, both of 512 Sixth street southwest.

Struggling gamely in her fight for life against an incurable disease, told by doctors that she could live but a few hours, Mrs. Holden, mother of the young bridegroom, yesterday noon said that her last wish on earth would be to see her eldest son John, happily married.

Gladly giving up all the preparation for what was to be the one big event in her girl-life, giving up the plans for a "big" wedding, at which all her girl friends could attend, and for an evening reception at which she was to be hostess, giving up all idea of a trousseau, although one was in the making, and all idea of a wedding trip, Miss Van Sise, to give peace to the woman who will be her mother-in-law but a short time, willingly consented to moving the date of the wedding forward a week and to a quiet bedside marriage.

Dispensation Obtained.

Notified at noon that he was wanted to officiate at the wedding, Rev. I. Conlan, of St. Dominic's Catholic Church, 515 Sixth street southwest, worked madly all afternoon to secure a special dispensation from Bishop Gibbons, in Baltimore, so that the marriage could be held outside the walls of the church.

At 4 o'clock he succeeded in getting a telegraphed answer to his queries and told the young couple that the wedding was ready to perform the ceremony.

Flight of Miss Stinson Is Stopped by Accident

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 18.—After flying at the rate of eight-four miles an hour from Albany, Miss Katherine Stinson, the Red Cross aviator, was forced to land in a field a mile north of Athens, on the Hudson River tonight, when the gas line of her aeroplane broke and threw gasoline in her face. Miss Stinson had left Albany at 5:30 intent on reaching New York in time to take part in the speed carnival at Sheepshead Bay.

CZERNIN BACK TO VIENNA.

(By Agency Radio to I. N. S.) Vienna, Aug. 18.—Count Czernin, the Austrian foreign minister, has returned to Vienna. He was immediately received by Emperor Charles.

Tells Fake Poisoning Story to Policeman

Walking up to Crossing Policeman Kidwell at the corner of Ninth and F street northwest yesterday, a man told him that he had taken carbolic acid and wanted to die.

When he was examined at the Emergency Hospital no symptoms of poisoning were found.

LETTERS GIVE MURDER CLUE

Inquest in Brandon Case Postponed While Authorities Seek New Evidence.

Anonymous letters, said to contain positive information as to the identity of the murderer, and claimed by handwriting experts to have come from three persons, late yesterday afternoon started Detectives Dougherty, Fohler and Kratz, of the Baltimore police force, to Annapolis on an entirely new line of search in the attempt to solve the mystery of the slaying of Lottie May Brandon, August 8.

The letters all mention, it is said, the name of one man as the actual criminal in the case, and completely exonerate John Snowden, negro suspect. The man is reported to be one of the people prominently featured in early reports of the mystery.

It was admitted yesterday that one of the first results of the new investigation would be the withdrawal of Mrs. King, next-door-neighbor of the dead woman, Mrs. King is now at Colonial Beach, Va., resting from a nerve-racking experience of last week. Her husband, who left Annapolis yesterday to spend the week-end with her, will accompany her to Baltimore on Monday, it is said.

Disquieting rumors that the negro element of the population of Annapolis, believing that Snowden is innocent of the murder, were quietly arming themselves for a possible race riot if the news were brought to the city for the final inquest, were dispelled by the beginning of a search of negro homes for deadly weapons, it is reported.

POPE'S PEACE NOTE

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might spell the collapse of the whole eastern front.

The change in the military situation will, admittedly to a large degree, affect the development of peace talk. If the allies continue to attain their objectives, east and west, the Germans will certainly be more willing to make concessions. The allies themselves may arrive at a point where they believe any further effort at arms would not be worth the cost.

The Russian situation and the labor and Socialist sentiment of the world at large, are other elements which the administration will watch closely. The determination of the Russian government to grant passports to delegates to the Stockholm conference was viewed with a good deal of concern here. The State Department has not heard from Ambassador Francis at Petrograd for twenty-four hours and is much in the dark as to the Russian situation.

Unofficial reports of the restoration of discipline in the Russian army, and the maintenance of civil order in the new republics, are counted most favorable. But there is always the fear in the administration here that Russia may be carried away with the catchwords of her new found freedom and be led to accept a German inspired peace, through which she and her allies may have to sacrifice all that she and they have gained.

146 SLACKERS IN WASHINGTON

War Department Has List of Those Who Evaded the Draft.

There are 146 men in Washington who are rated by the War Department as "slackers."

They have failed to respond for their physical examination for the conscript army and officially they are rated as deserters and have been automatically certified into the army.

Meanwhile the police are looking for them and they will be arrested and called before the exemption boards if apprehended.

One thousand and thirty-one men have certified for admission to the national army by the local exemption boards, nine more than required for the District's quota.

When the appellate board completed its work yesterday, 138 men of those examined had been exempted or discharged and in 210 of these cases the provost marshal general will note an appeal and have them considered again.

The number of delinquents was 146 and 45 filed claims for exemption for industrial reasons, covered by the law. Examinations will continue and while no definite orders have been issued upon the subject, each exemption district will probably call another 200 per cent of its full quota as a reserve force.

The appellate board is trying to find out the writer of an anonymous letter from a correspondent who claims that the exemption claim of one registrant has been allowed upon affidavit certifying that he had a child to support as well as a wife.

The letter writer states that the child was adopted from a foundling asylum for the purpose of avoiding registration.

COAL DICTATOR

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tribution, it is said, tend to make the cost greater and out of proportion in many sections.

President Wilson, it is understood, was strongly urged to take over the

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coal supply and its distribution. As distribution would be a matter on which Judge Lovett would be able to give expert opinion, the President's reported selection of Judge Lovett, is regarded as natural.

Another circumstance gave probability to the appointment of Judge Lovett. The railroads have appealed to the government to make use of peremptory powers conferred upon it by Congress to force the movement of coal to the Northwest before the closing of navigation on the Great Lakes.

Howard Elliott files a report showing that in spite of the co-operative efforts of all the amount of coal going by way of Lake Erie ports to the upper lake ports is not enough. There have been loaded into boats at Lake Erie ports to August 11, 11,000,000 tons. By the close of navigation 25,000,000 tons is needed, leaving 17,000,000 tons to be moved in the sixteen remaining weeks before lake navigation is closed.

BLEEDS TO DEATH.

Manchester, N. H., Aug. 18.—As a result of a flying piece of steel severing an artery, Herbert A. George, foreman of the Lay Construction Company, bled to death here today.

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Daily Additions to the August Sale

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\$64.00 Mahogany-finish Buffet, AUGUST SALE PRICE, \$54.50. \$42.00 China Closet to match. AUGUST SALE PRICE, \$35.75

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Separate Buffets

\$30 Jacobean Oak Buffet.....\$24.25. \$48 Fumed Oak Buffet.....\$39.00. \$135 Golden Oak Buffet.....\$112.50

China Closets

\$36.00 Golden Oak China Closet.....\$29.75. \$44.00 Jacobean Oak China Closet.....\$35.00. \$58.00 Mahogany-finish China Closet.....\$48.75. \$80.00 Mahogany-finish China Closet.....\$66.00

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